

# ST. PETER'S PARISH

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 9, 2007

		<u>MASSES</u>	
MON	DEC 10	7:00pm	VIRGINIA SWEITZER
TUE	DEC 11	8:00am	INT OF ANN SABIN
WED	DEC 12	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	DEC 13	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	DEC 14	9:00am	INT OF DREW MATERA
SAT	DEC 15	8:00am	INT OF THERSITA KELLY
		5:30pm	INT OF STELLA ROLFS
SUN	DEC 16	7:00am	PARISHIONERS
		8:15am	KIMBERLY WEBER
		9:30am	JOAN RUBIS
		11:00am	BARBARA & PETER LAPERA
		12:15pm	LARRY MAUCERI
		5:45pm	JOSEPH BAILEY

	GOAL	ACTUAL	EFT FIG.
*COLLECTION	\$15,480.00	\$16,681.54	\$1,895.67
*POOR BOX	\$ 673.00	\$ 1,446.70	171.00
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total (Sappington Hall)		\$ 5,117.00	266.25

***** DECEMBER 15 & 16			
<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
DEC 15 5:30pm	POLLAK & SCHRUMPF	FORD	DEACON MIKE/STANLEY/STARVAGGI
DEC 16 7:00am	GORDON & SMELLER	KUTLIK	McDERMOTT/SMELLER/ZARICH
8:15am	HUTCHINSON & RILEY	MILLER	M & T LAWN/B&D WADE/WEAVER
9:30am	A & S SUPROCK	CLEMONS & THOMPSON	BISHOP/SIMONS/SUPROCK/D&S WILKS
11:00am	DECKERT & DIGREGORY	LILLY & MOXLEY	A & M DIGREGORY/JONES/M&A WHITE
12:15pm	PALMER & SHERRICK	PALMER	MARLEY/J & E SADLER
5:45pm	J & M RUBELING	YOUTH	YOUTH

**NEXT WEEKEND** our second collection will be for Catholic School Education. Envelopes are in your packets.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION:** The Churches of Southern Frederick County are again holding combined Advent Services where many priests will be available to hear confessions. I urge you to take advantage of one of these opportunities. Tuesday, 7:30pm, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Timothy's in Walkersville

Saturday, 10:30am, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's in Libertytown

Monday, 7:30pm, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph in Buckeystown

Tuesday, 7:30pm, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Frederick

**ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION TIMES AT ST. PETER'S:**

Every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:15pm (I need to end at 5:15pm to prepare for Mass, please respect this.)

Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10-11am and Sat., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-5:15pm

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

IS 11: 1-10; ROM 15: 4-9; MT 3: 1-12

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

IS 35: 1-10; JAS 5: 7-10; MT 11: 2-11

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Roger Lee Ruby, cousin of Cookie Redmond; Kevin Shannahan, nephew of Bev Hill; Donald Winfield, Jr., father of Martina Hatley; Fr. Walter Lawrence; William Scott Zerr, brother of Jeff Zerr

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** meets Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Building.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jo and Ed Sadler and Millie Connor who will receive the Archdiocesan Medal of Honor Medal next Sunday at St. Ann's Parish in Hagerstown at 4pm. Anyone is welcome to attend the ceremony.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL** - Remember your loved ones and help us decorate the Parish Center and Sappington Hall for Christmas. A flower memorial envelope is in today's bulletin and in the foyer of the Parish Center for your convenience. Please return them in the collection basket by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR SOLDIERS:** We are providing names and addresses for our military in Iraq and Afghanistan for Christmas Cards and Christmas Packages on the Giving Tree in the foyer of the Parish Center. There is also a list of suggestions in today's bulletin insert for packages needed to be sent to our military.

**PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY** - It's getting to be that time of year. We are again offering **CHRISTMAS DINNERS** to those in need. You can help by giving \$25 (check or cash), dropping it in the Poor Box in an envelope marked "Christmas Dinners". Your donation will allow others to sit down at Christmas dinner and truly give thanks.

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:** Just a reminder that Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, is a dependable and easy way to give your weekly donations to St. Peter's. You can set up for once a month giving on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, or you can choose bi-monthly giving on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. EFT allows St. Peter's to be more accurate in budgeting monthly expenses. If you are interested in more information, please call Liz at 301-898-5111 ext. 11.

**COMPUTERS:** If you are buying a new computer for Christmas, or just have a good USEABLE computer collecting dust at home, we have a disposable solution for you. Donate your computer to St. Peter's to be completely wiped clean, formatted, refurbished and upgraded as needed. The refurbished computers will then be sold at a later date, with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to St. Peter's Building Fund, courtesy of MCPC Computers and Mike Galayda. If you would like to buy a brand new computer, MCPC Computers will donate a certain portion of your purchase to the Building Fund. For more information, contact Laura at 301-898-5111, ext. 13.

Computers can be dropped off during business hours or call for additional drop off times.

**PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, December 12th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE AND 3 DAY TOUR IN IRELAND INCLUDING OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE** – June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – cost is \$2,365, air fare, accommodations, breakfast, dinner and guide included. Call Priscilla if interested, 301-898-5111 x13. A February meeting will be held, watch the bulletin for a date.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please come pray in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Visiting hours are 7am-9pm. **We have openings for a 4am Saturday, and also a 12 noon on Saturday, or if you want to be a substitute.** Please consider a weekly or monthly hour. For more info contact Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE:** The Chapel will close around 3:30pm Christmas Eve, Monday, before 4pm Mass, to re-open after Midnight Mass. We will take volunteer sign-ups for Christmas afternoon – noon to 7pm – for those who need subs, on a Chapel sign-up. All are invited to visit 7am-7pm daily.

**TWO GREAT MARIAN FEASTS** – The Immaculate Conception which was Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – beg our prayers for our nation and the world. Please use those 5 days Dec. 8 – 12, to ask Our Lady's help for a culture of life in our land.

**BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE** will be up on December 15/16 in our Parish Center. Help Birthright help needy expectant moms and their newborns/babies **up to 6 months** (please note the change) throughout the year. Your gifts should be returned January 6<sup>th</sup>, the weekend after New Years, unwrapped. Thank You!

**BIRTHRIGHT OF FREDERICK** is looking for more volunteers so we can keep our offices open longer hours. Please call 301-663-0111 if you can help.

**SUFFERING POST-ABORTION SYNDROME?** Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224.

**PREGNANT?** Don't know where to turn. Birthright of Frederick can help you find the help you need, call 301-663-0111.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in our Annual Breakfast with Santa event on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and the three elves, Anne Carlton, Dolores Evans and Kathleen Rehwoldt, and to the photographers Vince Baker and Mark Spielman. We also appreciate the talents of our Knights in the kitchen, the Knight Lights, for all their help, and Girl Scout Troop #81162 for their helping hands with the children's crafts.

**RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAM:** **Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving?** Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called Retrouvaille designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. All calls and inquires are confidential. Our next weekend is Feb. 8-10, 2008. For more information call 410-647-0350/ 301-468-6764.

**MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS:** If you are in need or if you know of anyone in need of temporary help with meals because of childbirth, illness, accident, surgery or an unexpected tragedy please call Rose Grimes 301-831-7708.

Also, please call if you'd like your name added to our list of volunteers who prepare the meals.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**, during the month of October provided assistance to 9 with auto expenses, 85 with housing costs, 57 with medical expenses, 23 with legal expenses, 4 with travel expenses, 167 with utility expenses and 1 with funeral expenses for a total of 346 persons. Our clients and SVDP thank you for your generous contributions to the POOR FUND which made this assistance possible.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARISH PARTY:** Tickets are on sale at the parish office or through the mail, \$35.00 ea. Seating for tables of 10, \$350.00 per table. Payment to accompany reservations. Make mail in reservations check to K of C 13290, --Mail to: 13290, 5627 Well Spring Ct., New Market, MD 21774 and parish office pick up reservations to St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Information: Bob Droter (K of C) 301-865-4565 or Laura at 301-898-5111. There will be a few tickets on sale after some Masses. These will be announced before the selected Mass..

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Thanks to all that worked and participated in our support of the parish Breakfast with Santa Event, council and auxiliary members. ...Officers meeting this Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Thrift Shop. ...Our council has a few seats left at our K of C table for the New Years Eve Party. Consult the bulletin flyer for more information. ...For more council information visit us at [st.peterskofc.home.att.net/](http://st.peterskofc.home.att.net/). ...Bulletin announcement editor, Bob Droter

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK-** Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Jason Bates, Marilyn Hall, Steve White, Harry Blanchard, Tom Weedon, Chris Roby, Denis Ellis, Sandy O'Donnell, Justin Offutt, Connor Rutledge, Marjorie Jones, Msgr. Art Valenzano, Fr. John Carter, Tom Arnold, Fr. Wayne Funk, Carla Carlson, Faith Frazier, Myrtle Carlin, Ruth Bellamy, Arlo Cummins, Rose France, Kayla Zeillinger, Steven Nagy, Lydia Cook, David Foster, Neil Petroski, Ruth Seilhamer, Rosita Berger, Joey Offutt, Mary Shaw, Ellen Michalski, Tom McKoy, Kathy King, Ann Fowler, Don Fowler, Jr., Bill Kiser, Rachel Dombroski, Renee White, Katie Frey, Shannon Obermeyer, Rob Compton, Jaime Statler, Heidi Burt, Lindsay Wilson, Baerbel Cooper, Regina Galie, Lisa Baird, Joani Gaiss, Julie Woods, Gemma Wease, Nancy Habicht, Linda Seifert, Rita Boyd, William Klipper, Gini Madine, Colleen Dean, Andrew Illig, Bill Oliver, Dick Puerzer, Cameron Perrus, Christina DiGregory; Kelly Carpenter; Charlotte Ratcliffe; Lisa Mintmier; Nelson McClure, Charles Crotty, Rich Pargo, Tina DeLuca, Charles Guarneri, Dorothy Delair, Linda Holmes, Ronald Best, Joanne Racheff, Dina Strauss, Yolanda Groves, John Howell, Benjamin Larrick, Jessica & Karen Conrny, Ginny Bart, K. Lopresti

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH:** For the safety of the construction workers working on the church.

**ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Applications for pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are being taken for the 2008-09 school year. Registrations forms are available at [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org). For more information about admission/to arrange a tour of the school, contact Jean Wright 301-695-9358. The next **open house** is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, 9am until 1pm.

**ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH,** Walkersville, Organist, Bill Powell, and friends will be presenting "Sing We Now of Christmas" for a festive evening of Holiday Music on Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A MONK, BROTHER, PRIEST, NUN OR SISTER?** Find out by attending an exciting free Live in Experience. No cost. Food and room are free. Hear the vocation talks and experience the adventure of a life dedicated to the service of God. Men: Dominican Fathers & Brothers, Washing DC, Feb. 8-10; or Gethsemani Abbey, Trappist KY Dec. 14-16<sup>th</sup>, & Jan 3-10<sup>th</sup>. Women: Little Sisters of the Poor, Baltimore, MD, Jan 4-6<sup>th</sup>; Little Ones of Jesus Crucified, Conyers, GA, Jan 18-20<sup>th</sup>. For more dates and information call 1-800-221-1807.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December 9, 2007

### ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets December 12 from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. You need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic; to have celebrated Confirmation; is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments).
- **ANNULMENTS** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.
- **NEW HORIZONS** –Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont.
- **ADVENTURE IN EXODUS** – see the flier in today's bulletin for the next bible study series beginning in January 2008.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**
  - † **December Sessions:**
    - Dec 9 & 16 (Pre-School – Grade 2)
    - Dec 10 & 17 (Grades 3-5)
    - Last class for this year is December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - Continue to check your child's folder for Family Advent Ideas!
  - **Grade 4 Christmas Activity on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in PC.**  
*Parents are welcome to use the downstairs classrooms while you wait.*
- **FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM**
  - † Next introductory parent meeting will be held Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM in Sullivan Hall. Come learn how our parish will implement this program.
- **FAMILY RESOURCES:** Available for preview in the lower level of the PC.
  - \* Children's Bible & Family Life.



### YOUTH MINISTRY

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **SPY TEENS** – Please remember to bring in your donations of toiletries for St. Peter's Food Bank. Donations are due at the Youth Ministry Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** All youth ministry is invited to share in an evening of fun, food, games & music to celebrate the Christmas Season on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM in the Parish Center.
- **ATTENTION ADULTS:** Save gas & time by staying in either the Birch Library to mingle with other adults, or enjoy quiet time in the meeting room in the lower level of the Parish Office Building.
- **CONFIRMATION UPDATES:** Please place the following dates on your calendar:
  - † January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 5:00PM.  
Parents please attend from 10AM – 2PM.
  - † March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM – 5:00PM.
  - † Weekend retreat is February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - † Confirmation Practice – Wednesday, April 30 or Thursday, May 1 @ 7pm.
  - † Confirmation – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00**All these retreats are mandatory.**
  - † Please note: Dates for small group meetings are: January 23, January 30, February 20, March 5, March 12, April 2 and April 16.

***A letter containing information about the Confirmation program has been mailed to all youth who should be in the Confirmation program. If you have not received this information please call the Religious Education Office to check on the status of your registration.***

- **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** please submit your Driving Record consent form as quickly as possible. We especially need drivers for the Confirmation Retreat

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- \* Check the main page of our web-site [www.stpeter-libertytown.org](http://www.stpeter-libertytown.org)
- \* If Frederick County Public Schools ***are closed***...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- \* If FCPS ***close early***...we **do not** have sessions for children, parents, or Adult Ed.
- \* ***Saturday & Sunday Programs***...tune into WTTR and WFRE – decisions will be made early in the morning ***for Pre-school through Grade 5 & by 2PM for Grades 6-12.***
- \* Announcements will also be on radio stations... WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.
- \* Weekend Mass will take place as usual unless otherwise noted.

# Adventures in Exodus: Called to Freedom by Dr. Tim Gray



The Exodus can be viewed as the defining moment in Israel's history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as His people. *Adventures in Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that more than just seeking to free His people physically from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free His people from the far more sinister tyranny of sin so they could live the authentic freedom that belongs to children of God.

Come and travel with us on this 10-week Exodus journey!

**Monday Classes:** 9-11 a.m. January 7 – March 31  
**Wednesday Classes:** 7-9 p.m. January 9 – April 2

**Cost: \$28 for study guide**

**We will celebrate a Seder Supper on Friday, March 14!!  
There will be no classes during Holy Week.**

**Get your sandals and your walking staff ready!**

 **REGISTRATION** 

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E:Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle Class: Mon or Wed**

**Make checks payable to: St. Peter's Church and mail to:  
Carolyn Nolan, P.O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762**